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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON KOREA, PREVIOUSLY DRAFTED BY STATE/NSC, BE ISSUED IF POSSIBLE PRIOR TO CIVELLETTI MEETINGS IN KOREA WHICH COMMENCE NEXT WEDNESDAY. WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT INTERIM TO ISSUE STATEMENT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH PROPER CLIMATE FOR NEXT SERIES OF DIFFICULTIES ON TONGSUN PARK CASE. STATEMENT WILL SERVE TO INJECT SOME BALANCE INTO PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS CASE.

2. WE ALSO RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION OF EARLY PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT PARK EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR DIFFICULT DECISIONS MADE BY PARK ON BOTH TONGSUN PARK CASE AND MYONGDONG PRISONERS. LETTER COULD WELL PROCEED PUBLIC STATEMENT, FORE-SHADOWING ITS CONTENT AND EXPRESSING HOPE FOR CLOSER COOPERATION IN FUTURE ON ALL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN, INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL. SHOESMITH

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